

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

SHERRY L.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:23-cv-2458

JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz

**COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,**

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (ECF No. 13.) The Court hereby **GRANTS** the parties' Joint Motion (ECF No. 13) and awards Plaintiff attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,675.00, and costs in the amount of \$0.00, for a total award of \$4,675.00. After the Court enters this award, counsel for the parties shall verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel.

The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**11/1/2024
DATE**

**s/Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.
EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**